



# Iowa Ag News – Cattle on Feed

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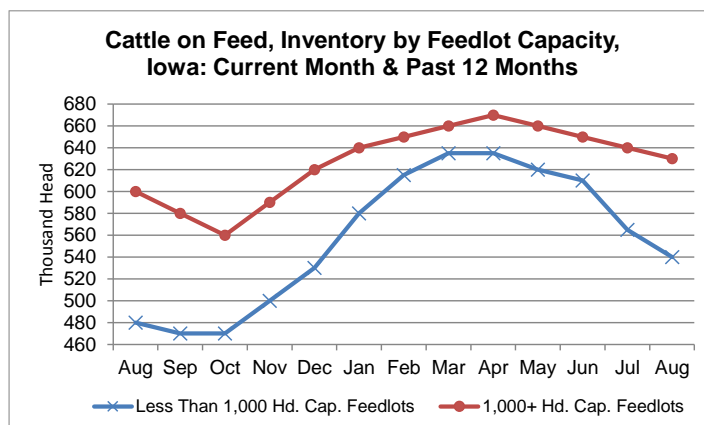
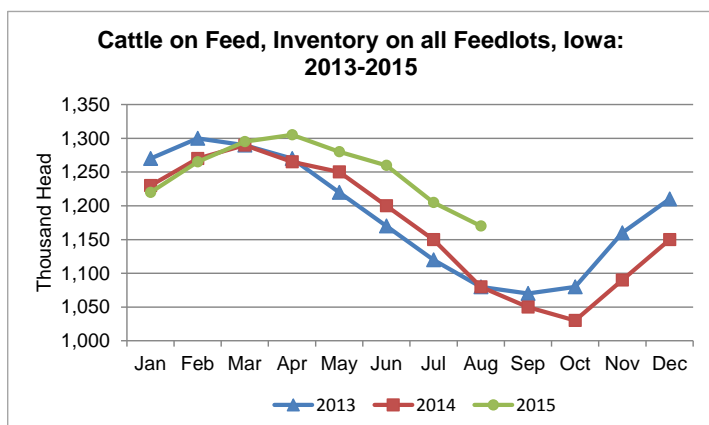
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**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,170,000 on August 1, 2015, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is down 3 percent from July 1, 2015, but up 8 percent from August 1, 2014. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 630,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 540,000 head on feed, down 4 percent from last month but up 13 percent from last year.

**Placements** during July totaled 97,000 head, a decrease of 16 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 71,000 head, up 6 percent from last month and up 27 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 26,000 head. This is down 47 percent from last month and down 33 percent from last year.

**Marketings** for July were 129,000 head, down 22 percent from last month and down 19 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, up 5 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 49,000 head, down 46 percent from last month and down 43 percent from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 3,000 head.



## All Cattle on Feed<sup>1</sup>, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle on Feed, July 1, 2015 .....	640	565	1,205
July Placements .....	71	26	97
July Marketing .....	80	49	129
July Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup> .....	1	2	3
Cattle on Feed, August 1, 2015 .....	630	540	1,170

<sup>1</sup> Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month,  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2014-2015**

State	Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup> August 1			Placements during July			Marketings during July			July Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona .....	262	239	91	23	23	100	26	22	85	7	2	29
California .....	420	455	108	39	41	105	47	41	87	7	5	71
Colorado .....	790	790	100	90	90	100	145	125	86	5	5	100
Idaho .....	175	220	126	37	37	100	41	41	100	1	1	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>
Kansas .....	1,900	1,930	102	400	395	99	390	395	101	10	10	100
Minnesota .....	115	133	116	10	11	110	15	18	120	1	1	100
Nebraska .....	2,140	2,200	103	375	390	104	465	455	98	10	15	150
Oklahoma .....	240	250	104	32	38	119	46	47	102	1	1	100
South Dakota ..	175	210	120	20	17	85	39	34	87	1	3	300
Texas .....	2,470	2,440	99	410	365	89	415	395	95	15	10	67
Washington .....	170	210	124	36	34	94	40	38	95	1	1	100
Other States ...	295	295	100	31	35	113	44	34	77	2	1	50
United States ...	9,752	10,002	103	1,559	1,547	99	1,787	1,725	97	63	56	89

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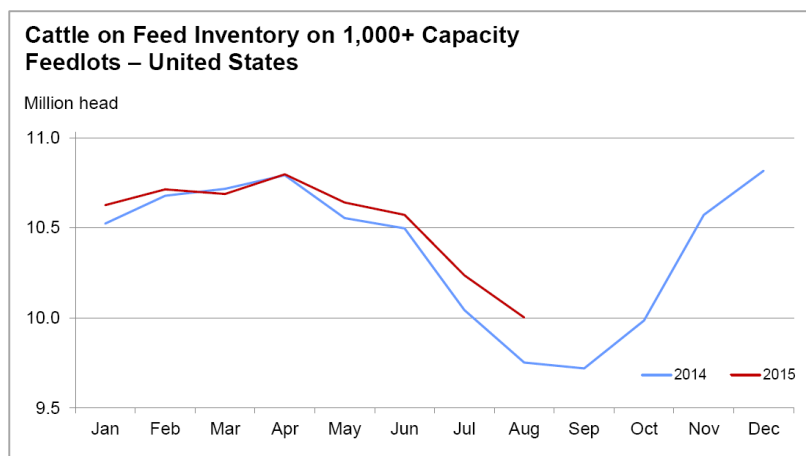
## United States Cattle on Feed

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on August 1, 2015. The inventory was 3 percent above August 1, 2014.

**Placements** in feedlots during July totaled 1.55 million head, 1 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.49 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 235,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 327,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 620,000 head. Placements are the lowest for July since the series began in 1996.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during July totaled 1.73 million head, 3 percent below 2014. Marketings are the lowest for July since the series began in 1996.

**Other disappearance** totaled 56,000 head during July, 11 percent below 2014.



The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).